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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application entitled

LOAD SECURING DEVICE AND METHOD FOR USING THE SAME

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1. **Type of Application**

☒ Original (non-provisional)

2. **Required Papers Enclosed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular):**

16 Pages of specification
4 Pages of claims
1 Page of Abstract
25 Sheets of Drawings (Figures 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 4-6, 7A, 7B, 8-23)

3. **Declaration or oath**

☒ Enclosed

4. **Preliminary Amendment**

☐ Enclosed

5. **Language**

☐ English

6. **Assignment**

☐ An assignment of the invention to:

☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed as well as the "Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet".

7. **Priority**

Priority is hereby claimed to Patent Application No. 60/454,209 filed March 12, 2003.

8. **Information Disclosure Statement**

☐ Enclosed ☒ Form 1449 PTO ☐ References

22859 U.S. PTO
10/799558

9. **Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)**

CLAIMS AS FILED				
(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	22 - 20 =	2	x \$ 9	= \$18.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	2 - 3 =	0	x \$ 43	= \$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (IF APPLICABLE) (37 CFR 1.16(d))		ANY -- 0	\$ 145	= \$0.00
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))				\$385.00
TOTAL =				\$ 403.00

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11. **Authorization to Charge Deposit Account**

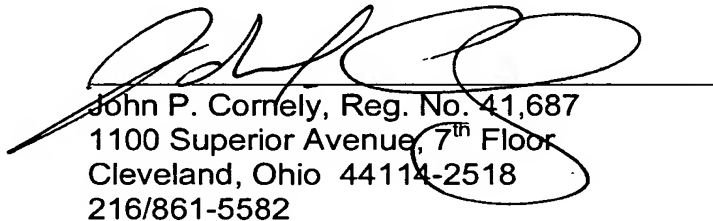
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- ☒ 37 CFR 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)
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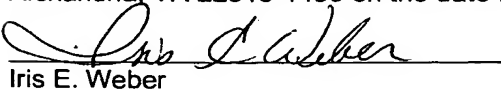
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